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He petitioned the legislature for a  
 act for a canal across Cape Cod.



## A GERMAN'S COMMENT.

Count von Goetzen Lectures on the Late War.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Count A. von Goetzen, former military attaché at the German embassy in Washington, who was commissioned by Emperor William to accompany the United States army during the Spanish-American war for the purpose of observation and official report, addressed a large and distinguished audience last evening at the Kaiserhof on "The Newest Colonial Power." Although most of his hearers were members of the Colonial society, there were some 300 military men present.

The lecture, which dealt largely with the war, was illustrated by photographs which Count von Goetzen took personally—views of the embarkation at Tampa, the camps, the landings in Cuba and of scenes in the fighting around Santiago.

The lecturer spoke sympathetically of the American army and navy, except so far as the volunteers were concerned. He said the only good volunteers were the Rough Riders. He severely condemned the insurgents, who, he said, rendered little or no help to the Americans. He did not see a single white among the insurgents except among the officers.

Count von Goetzen said the dynamite was proved ineffective because they lacked distance apparatus. He praised General Shafter's treatment of the foreign officers who accompanied his staff. The United States regulars were characterized by the lecturer as "a most excellent body of troops, though small," and their uniform as "practical."

A portion of the lecture was devoted to a description of the extreme difficulty with which both the American and Spanish troops were provisioned.

Count von Goetzen prophesied a great future for the new American colonies, because, he said, "the Americans are prime colonists." The lecture was frequently applauded.

## WHEELER TO LEAVE CONGRESS.

Prefers Army Life and Will Retain His Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Major General Wheeler will resign his seat in congress and retain his commission in the army. He said last night:

"I have considered the matter carefully and have decided to resign from congress and retain my commission. My reasons for this step are many. It is probable that a bitter opposition would be raised if I attempted to retain both positions, and I prefer to settle the matter in this way. I have not yet decided just when I shall resign, but it will be very soon, probably within a few weeks. At present I am merely exercising the privileges of an ex-member upon the floor of the house, and in this way I have avoided any possibility of a question in that direction. I have had other members introduce my resolutions, and this will continue until I resign. I prefer the army life to the life of a member of congress. I feel as young as when I was a boy, and, although some little discussion has been raised as to my age, I hope to soon be old enough to make a good soldier. I have been re-elected to the Fifty-sixth congress, but I will not serve one day of my new term."

## AN HISTORIC FLAG.

Bonhomme Richard's Ensign Presented to the Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The president and the secretary of the navy had an interesting visitor yesterday in the person of Harriet P. R. Stafford of Cottage City, Mass., a patriotic old lady, who desired to present to the government the flag worn by the Bonhomme Richard during her memorable victorious engagement with the British frigate Serapis Sept. 23, 1779.

Mrs. Stafford had the historical ensign in her possession and presented satisfactory evidence that it was the first flag bearing the Stars and Stripes ever hoisted over an American vessel of war and the first that was ever saluted by a foreign naval power. According to the evidence, the flag was bestowed upon her ancestor, James Bayard Stafford, by the marine committee of Philadelphia in 1784 "on account of his meritorious services throughout the late war."

## Sternberg Before War Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—At the war inquiry yesterday Surgeon General Sternberg, concerning the relative merits of division and regimental hospitals, said that while experience had taught a good deal the theories of the department as to medical administration were borne out in the main. Coming to the history of the Santiago movement, General Sternberg explained that there had been an abundance of medical officers and supplies sent to Santiago and said the trouble, as far as he could judge, arose in their landing and distribution. He said emphatically that he could do no more in his office than send supplies where he thought they were needed and responded promptly to requisitions. At this, he declared most positively, had been done. He said also that he had at all times the hearty support and good will of his superiors in the war department.

## State Federation of Women's Clubs.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 9.—At a meeting of the executive board of the State Federation of Women's Clubs held in this city yesterday, Mrs. William Tod Helmuth of New York, state president, presiding, it was decided that the next convention of the organization should be held in Rochester in November, 1899, the date to be fixed later.

## West Superior Fire Under Control.

WEST SUPERIOR, Ws., Dec. 9.—The fire on the coal dock of the Lehigh Coal and Coke company is now under control. The main body of the coal on the dock has been put out of danger by trenches which separate it from the burning mass. The loss will not reach \$50,000.

## New Jersey State Grange.

TRENTON, Dec. 9.—The state grange patrons of Hushuend concluded their annual session here yesterday. A resolution asking for a repeal of the law prohibiting freight trains from carrying freight was defeated by a big majority.

## Defaulter Warner Held.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 9.—Lewis Warner, the defaulting bank president was tried before Judge Parker in the district court yesterday on the charge of perjury, found probably guilty and held for the grand jury.

## ARMY AND NAVY BILL.

Deficiency Measure Passed the House Without Opposition.

IT CARRIES SIXTY-NINE MILLIONS

Expected Debate on Conduct of War Did Not Come Off—Senate in Executive Session—Nominations Ratified.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The urgency deficiency bill to provide for the support of the military and naval establishments was passed by the house yesterday practically without opposition. A fear had been expressed that the measure might open up a prolonged debate upon the conduct of the war, but the Democratic leaders decided that such a debate would properly come later upon the regular appropriation bills or upon the bill for the reorganization of the army. There was not a word of criticism of the war during the debate.

The only point upon which an issue was raised yesterday was as to whether the bill, providing as it did for the pay of the volunteers until July 1, 1899, might not be construed as a modification of the law under which the volunteers were mustered into service. Mr. McKee of Arkansas offered an amendment providing that it should not be so construed, and upon it there was a general discussion as to the advisability of mustering the volunteers out before the regular army was increased.

Mr. Cannon finally accepted the McKee amendment, and that removed the only shadow of opposition to the bill. A number of amendments were adopted upon the recommendation of the committee which received some supplemental estimates after the bill was prepared. The largest of these was an estimate of \$3,000,000 for an emergency fund for the war department and \$578,000 for the ordnance department, increasing the amount carried by the bill to \$59,859,892. The conference report upon the bill to render the statutes, consular agents liable for damages in suits at law was adopted. The house adjourned over until Monday to give the committees opportunity to work without interruption.

## Canal Bill Before the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The senate held a short session yesterday and then adjourned until Monday after making the Nicaragua canal bill the unfinished business before that body. Mr. Morgan called up the measure, whereupon Mr. Pettigrew moved to adjourn. This motion failed—13 yeas to 42 nays—and the bill was brought forward. An adjournment was immediately taken. During the session Mr. Vest stated his opposition to the hurried manner of passing pension bills in the senate and gave notice that he would insist upon a quorum being present when pension bills were being acted upon.

## Senate Foreign Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—While no disposition was manifested in the senate committee on foreign relations yesterday to make any opposition to the Hawaiian bill as a whole, some of the members of the committee indicated a desire to amend it in some particulars. Senator Turpie was among those who showed such a disposition. His objection to the bill as reported is on account of the provision for a congressional delegate. The supporters of the bill indicated a willingness to strike out this provision, and it looks as if this would be done.

## SPANISH WAR PENSIONS.

Bills For Relief of Worth Bagley's Mother and Dickinson's Widow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The first of the special pension bills growing out of the Spanish-American war to be introduced at the present session is that of Representative Gillette of Massachusetts to pension the widow of Captain Dickinson, Seventeenth United States Infantry, mortally wounded during the fight at El Caney on July 1 last.

Other bills of this character coming over from last session are those to pension the mother of Worth Bagley, the naval ensign who lost his life on the torpedo boat Winslow during the bombardment of Cardenas, and to pension the widow of Captain Gridley, commander of Admiral Dewey's flagship Olympia during the battle of Manila. All bills relating to the Spanish-American war go to the pension committee, as the committee on invalid pensions, which handles the great bulk of pensions on legislation, is restricted by the rules to the civil war.

## Mexican Treaty Ratified.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The senate in executive session yesterday ratified the treaty for the extension of the time for the completion of the Mexican boundary for one year. There was no opposition and no debate.

## Nominations Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The senate has confirmed the following nominations: Powell Clayton of Arkansas to be ambassador to Mexico; brigadier general to be major general, Guy V. Henry, U. S. A., and Leonard Wood, U. S. V.

## Cody Jury Discharged.

ALBANY, Dec. 9.—The jury in the Cody blackmailing case, after being out 25 hours, has failed to reach an agreement and has been discharged. To the question put by the court when the jury came into court at 6.20 last night as to whether there was any possibility of reaching an agreement Foreman Van Bergen said that it was beyond all reasonable consideration. Mrs. Cody was remanded to jail. The jury took 12 ballots. On the first ballot it stood eight to four for conviction, and on the last nine to three for conviction.

## One Hundred and Third Birthday.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Lydia C. Tenney of this city celebrated the one hundred and third anniversary of her birth yesterday at the residence of her son, Daniel C. Tenney, the only survivor of nine children. Her general health is apparently good enough to inspire many a young girl.

## Naval Movements.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The supply is called from Brooklyn for Key West. The Potomac has sailed from Norfolk for Portsmouth and the Camillus has arrived at St. Thomas.

## WADE TO RULE CUBA.

His Appointment Expected in Havana—Spanish Troops Still in City.

HAVANA, Dec. 9.—Major General James F. Wade, president of the United States evacuation commission, has received certain instructions from President McKinley which seem to indicate that he will be appointed military governor of western Cuba. A formal announcement is daily expected from Washington, though it may be delayed until the time comes for a change of flags. General Wade's three months of official residence here have given him a firm grasp of the situation. He has been a student of social and civil conditions, as well as of military necessities, and knows precisely what he would do if invested with the authority. General Greene will be governor of the city of Havana. He has already virtually taken hold, as he is having some of the streets cleaned and is devising measures for the sanitation and policing of the city.

The preparation for a change of flags is thus being brought about by degrees, and the transition will not be abrupt. Already the evacuation of the province of Havana is complete except for the troops stationed in the city. Of these there are 12,000. General Castellanos does not fix a date for their withdrawal earlier than Jan. 1, but they will probably retire to Cienfuegos before Christmas.

General Castellanos has received a cable order to draw on Paris for \$1,500,000 with which to pay his troops.

Admiral Sampson's departure waits upon the arrival of General Butler from the United States next week, as it is thought best to have two commissioners here. Secretary Long has instructed Admiral Sampson to leave whenever it suits his convenience in this respect.

## THE TREATY FINISHED.

Senor Montero Rios Sick in Bed From Disappointment.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The United States and the Spanish peace commissioners concluded their work yesterday and finally settled the terms of the treaty of peace. They will meet once more in formal session on Saturday or Monday next, when the Spanish commissioners, sorrowfully, and the Americans, with feelings of relief, will write their signatures upon the document which embodies the results of the war and the preparation of which has consumed 11 weeks, a longer time than the war itself. In the meantime the treaty will be engrossed under the supervision of Mr. Moore and Senor Ojeda, the secretaries of the respective commissions.

The Spaniards are exceedingly bitter over the results, though observing the forms of friendliness and courtesy to the end. Senor Montero Rios, whose strong and persistent struggle to save for his country every possible asset from the wreck of her colonial empire has commanded the respect and admiration of his opponents, went from the council chamber yesterday to his bed in a state of complete collapse as the result of the long strain and his chagrin over the small fruits of his efforts. Senor Ojeda has been prostrated since Wednesday and was unable to attend the joint session yesterday.

## President Iglesias at West Point.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The government steamer General Meigs yesterday brought to West Point Don Rafael Iglesias, president of Costa Rica, and his party. The presidential party was under the care of Colonel Carter, U. S. A. At the landing they were met by Colonel Mills, Colonel Hein and Lieutenant Hazzard and a troop of cavalry. A salute of 21 guns was fired, and the distinguished guest was shown through all the public buildings. Afterward President Iglesias received and inspected the battalion of cadets. The party returned to New York by train.

## Piquart Court Martial Postponed.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The court of cassation has ordered a stay of proceedings in the Piquart court martial. Several of the newspapers here assert that the court has examined the secret documents in the Dreyfus case. The anti-Dreyfus papers are very angry over the decision of the court, which they describe as another insult to the army. There were some slight disturbances by students at the close of the Sorbonne lecture this afternoon. The opposing sections got to fighting, one student wounded another, and the police were finally called in to disperse them.

## Fire on the Scottish King.

ST. JOHN'S N. F., Dec. 9.—While the salvors were working today on the wrecked steamer Scottish King a fire broke out in the after hold, caused by the lighting of several cases of matches and of some goods that were packed in straw. The fire lasted over an hour and was only extinguished after considerable trouble by buckets of water hoisted over the ship's side. For a time there was great excitement, some leaving the ship in fear of an explosion. The fire was extinguished by the time the hold was stiff with sulphur smoke, and when one by one, the workers became exhausted they were hoisted on deck, others taking their places.

## Portland Victim Identified.

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—One of the four bodies from the steamer Portland at the city morgue was identified yesterday. The one recognized was that of Harry Rollison of Portland. He was about 40 years of age and was an officer on the Portland. Of the three remaining bodies here one is that of a woman. The face is unrecognizable. Of the two male bodies one will have to be buried soon.

## Twelve Million Railway Deal.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 9.—The Baltimore and Northern Electric Railway company, backed by a syndicate of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore capitalists, has purchased the Baltimore City Passenger Railway company. Twelve million six hundred thousand dollars is involved in the transfer.

## Official Count in South Dakota.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 9.—The official count on governor was completed yesterday. The totals are: Lee (Fusion), 37,219; Phillips (Republican), 36,940; Lewis (Prohibition), 381. The vote from several counties was protested on the irregularity of returns.

## Gunboat For Jersey Naval Reserve.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The secretary of the navy has loaned the gunboat Enquirer to the state. New Jersey for the use of the Camden militia.

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**Sets of Toy Dishes.**

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**Ladies' Flannelette Night Gowns.**

Made of good heavy flannelette, a 50c value. This week, at Tompkins', 30c each.

**Men's Fine Flannelette Night Shirts.**

a 65c value. At Tompkins' 50c each.

**Blankets.**

The great sale of Blankets, which we commenced last week, is still continued this week. Very many nice heavy, already found patterns, but there is still left from our large purchase a large assortment in white and gray, a full size. A regular 50c blanket, 35c per pair. 75c for a pair, 2 1/2 blankets, and Fine \$1.75 blankets for only 1.50. California Blanket Co. perfect goods, strictly all wool, would be worth \$4.00. Now marked at Tompkins' \$3.25 per pair.

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—There are at present probably not less than three hundred men at work cutting wood for the acid factories up this way. Perhaps a fair average for each man would be a cord and a half a day. The average price per cord is eighty-five cents, making the average earnings of each chopper \$1.27½ a day. There are a great many men who cut three cords a day and a vast multitude who have to work from sun up to sun down to cut one cord. Wood choppers, like poets are born, not made.

—It looks like a herculean task that the *Walton Times* and *Delhi Republican* have undertaken to carry Republican politics in Delaware county. That they may succeed is the hope of all honest voters in both parties, but the Republican majority is so great and the office-seekers of that party so eager to hold the election at the primaries that not one in a hundred attends, that it would require both branches of the Delaware and Susquehanna thrown in to even put that Republican stable in a preëstablished condition.

—It looks at present as if an action would be brought against the town of Roel land for damages in the case of the man Koons who drove to his death on Sprague Brook last month. That town has been unfortunate in its poor bridges for years past, but it now has the best in the county. In this Koons case should end in litigation, it will decide if towns are responsible for the acts of Providence when it breaks its vials of wrath and tears out a road bed.

—Considerable lumber will be got to the East Branch of the Delaware below Downsville or next spring's rafting. It no longer pays to raft sawed lumber and where the logs are a long distance from the mill and in many instances cannot be got to the mill at all times, it is that the logs are rafted and although the price paid in the down river market is no better and, in too many cases, not so good as is paid by mill here. Yet the long haul on sleighs is saved and then the loss of rafting is but an item in itself worth considerable to an old water dog.

—It is now going the rounds of the press how a bunch of jurymen in one of the upper Midland towns wrestled with the word "guilty," and spelled it "gity" and "gilty." That isn't a circumstance to the juror in justice court, up this way, who could not write at all at all, and after the prosecution had rested went home to dinner and while there had his wife prepare his ballots for him and on every one of them was written the word "guilty." I fear we place too much reliance on the safeguards thrown around us by the presumed intelligence of the average jurymen. It would seem so at least, from the two cases cited above.

—The surgical service of the O. and W. is no doubt the best that can be provided and it is available at short notice. The company selects the best saw bones at convenient distances along its line and the pay in railroad cases being good, the work is a great deal more comfortable for the physician than to hitch up his horse and drive ten or fifteen miles after dark to attend on a poor woman laboring under the primitive cure. The O. and W. surgeons are on hand as quickly as steam can get them there whether they are called to attend passengers or trainmen.

—Whatever may be the cause of the decrease in the O. and W. earnings it is not to any great extent from the reduction in passenger rates as the travel is far ahead of that for some years past. It was practically a two-cent road any way when the traveler chose to provide himself with a mileage book, but the instant all fares were reduced a more friendly feeling toward the railroad company from traveling public was created. Now when the O. and W. make excursion rates at a regular fare one way it means something to those who travel for business or pleasure.

—The new Delhi-Andes railroad will probably be built some day but it will not until we have in a measure recovered from McKinley prosperity. It will cost nearly double what it would have done to go on and complete the work now, as the striking Italians threw away all he took or other material they could get their hands on. The swarthy son of Italy with a stick of dynamite in his pocket was a greater terror in that section about that time than would have been the prophet old with half a dozen she bears, and yet all the men wanted was their "moon."

—The article on beef cutting in this column some time ago, has attracted wide attention, and every beef cutter takes it as hitting his own particular self. 'Tis well. It is easily to be seen how a continuance of this western beef business will not only ruin our eastern farmers, but village residents as well. If the merchant is determined to eat western beef in preference to that grown by his own customers, thus compelling him stand by customers to sell their products in New York city, then he should not complain if they take advantage of it.

cheapen the railroads offer at times and make their purchases where he compels them to market their products. Every quarter of western beef brought into any of our villages is another nail driven into the coffin of that village's prosperity. 'Tis a wise fame that pricks where it scratches." **RUSTICS.**

**BULLVILLE.**  
**Presiding Elder's Visit—Sale of the Wallace Farm—Will Start a Meat Market—The New Merchant—Feed Steals—Other Notes.**

Correspondence Anous and Mercury.  
—Presiding Elder Andrew S. Driver will preach and administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper at the Bullville M. E. Church, next Sunday morning, at 10:30 o'clock. At the close of the service he will hold the last quarterly conference of the year. It is very important that all the official board and as many of the members as possible be present at that time.

—James Crawford, of the Hopewell neighborhood, has purchased the David Wallace farm at this place, and is soon to erect a new barn in place of the one destroyed by fire last summer.

—G. H. Miller, of Middletown, is building an addition to his house in this village and expects soon to move here and run a meat market.

—Our new merchant, James Bell, of Patterson, who purchased the general store of J. B. Montgomery, has arrived and has just finished taking inventory of the stock and is now doing a good business.

—William Wallace had 500 weight of corn meal stolen from his building, near this place, Monday night. If the thieves are discovered it will go hard with them.

—The Misses Duryea will entertain the whist coterie at their home near this village, Friday evening.

—E. R. Koch, of the Koch Granite Co., of Middletown, was in this village on business, Monday.

**WAWAYANDA.**  
**Good Auctioneers—The Whist Club—On the Pacific Slope—C. E. Social—Other Notes.**

Correspondence Anous and Mercury.  
—At the auction of the late Randall Stivers, excellent prices were received for everything sold.

—The Wawayanda Whist Club met at the home of Mrs. Minnie Mills, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 6. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

—Friends of Messrs. Frank B. Clark and Nathan H. Brown have received letters from them, stating that they are very much pleased with their new home in Seattle, Washington.

—Mrs. Clarence G. Seward is spending a few weeks in New York.

—The U. E. Society of the Ridgebury Presbyterian Church held its last social at the home of Miss Jennie B. Clark, of Slate Hill, Monday evening. The entertainment was enjoyed by all, it being a picnic social with plenty of pie for refreshments. The next social will be at the home of J. Byron Austin.

—M. B. Austin has just returned from a ten days' visit at Foster, N. J.

—Miss Edna Halstead is visiting at New Durham.

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Mrs. C. H. Coleman, of the Columbia Hotel, No. 45 Roberts street says: "Kidney Disease runs in our family. I was troubled for six years myself, but the greater quantity of Doan's Kidney Pills I bought at J. E. Mills' drug store were for my mother and one of my brothers. Backaches so severe I could not stand it and too numerous to be affected by plasters, home remedies or physician's prescriptions, clung to me most of the time. I felt my bed late at night and I went to a doctor's, begging him for relief. I could not wait until he was sent for. Urinary troubles set in. The deposits alarmed me. My general health was impaired and I considered myself lucky in being induced to try Doan's Kidney Pills. It was only a few days when I felt relief and in five or seven more my trouble disappeared. When they cured me so promptly I immediately sent some to my mother, who lives at Glenwood, Sullivan County. Her son adjoints the Sullivan County Club House. The first box I sent her did her so much good that she in turn sent her son some. I sent me to my brother who had the same symptoms as I, but present time to speak of about her or my brother. I can about Doan's Kidney Pills. No words or mine can express my opinion. They are so easy to take, leave no disagreeable after-effect and go right to the kidney." **Poster-Middletown Co., Bullville, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Price 50 cents per box, or six boxes for \$2.50. Sent by mail on receipt of price. For sale by all dealers.**

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Dr. Wurth is commenting on recent discoveries in medicine said: There is none which is certain to be so valuable and far reaching in benefit as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, the new stomach remedy; I say far reaching, because people little realize how important a sound stomach and vigorous digestion is to every man, woman and child.

Indigestion is the starting point of consumption, heart disease, Bright's disease, diabetes, nervous prostration, liver troubles; why is this so? Simply because every nerve, muscle and tissue in our bodies is created and nourished from the food we eat. If that food is, by reason of a weak stomach, compelled to lie for hours, a sour, fermenting mass of half-digested food, it poisons the blood and nervous system, creates gas which distends the stomach and bowels, causing pressure on the heart, lungs and other organs, and seriously impeding their action.

He says further, the point to direct attention is not the nerves, nor heart, nor lungs, nor kidneys, but the stomach, the first cause of all the mischief.

The remedy to use for indigestion and weak stomachs is not some cathartic, but a remedy which will digest the food, increase the flow of gastric juice, absorb the gases and Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will accomplish exactly this result in many cases of stomach trouble, because these tablets are composed of the digestive acids, aseptic pepsin, golden seal and salicylic, pleasant to taste, and not being a patent medicine, can be used by any one with perfect safety. I believe Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will cure any form of indigestion and stomach trouble except cancer of stomach.

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Rugs of all kinds in Wilton, Axminster, Smyrna, Velvet, and all grades of carpets at prices that will surprise you. Lace Curtains and heavy Portieres, a good assortment.

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In this department we have fairly outdone ourselves. Such a variety was never before shown in this city, and the prices will suit all purses.

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For 25 cents you buy a pretty package—for 75 cents a "gem," but regardless of price or size your gift is perfect in its way—quality the best in the world.

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Our own importation. Better than the risk of buying from the East. We have marked the prices at a very small profit.

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These have been displayed in our windows, as the latest styles arrived, and the fact that we have been compelled to duplicate our orders is evident that the line is not surpassed.

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We have selected from many manufacturers their very best patterns, and have many any kind you want and at all prices.

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—Bells, robes and blankets at John T. Ogden & Son.  
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—Fine custom robes at Crosby's.  
—Fitting of Hosiery at B. and L. Association.  
—Make cheap at Taylor's.  
—Ready Pay Store open.  
—Holiday goods at Crosby's.  
—Hosiery cheap at F. Todd's.  
—Hot and cold baths at 128 North Street.  
—Fireman's badge for sale.  
—Meat at First National Bank, Jan. 10th.  
—Health restored by Dr. Miller's Nervine.  
—Calendars given with Fairy Soap.  
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## LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—"Uncle Tom's Cabin."  
—Lancelot Lodge works the amplified degree, to-night.

—There is fine skating on the mill and cemetery ponds.

—The store of Chas. Wolff's Son, on James street, will be re-opened, to-morrow.

—Fine bon bones and chocolates at Laskaris' Palace Confectionery, 34 North street.

—"Uncle Tom's Cabin," at the Casino, Saturday afternoon and evening, at popular prices.

—B-girls' examinations will be held in the Middletown High School during the week beginning Jan. 23d.

—Fresh peanut brittle, cocoanut brittle and chewing gum at Laskaris', 34 North street and 17 West Main street.

—The Middletown Ice Company delivered seven-inch "fresh" ice about town, to-day. It was of beautiful clearness.

—The Congregational fair programme for this evening will include solo and quartet singing, in addition to the "Fantasia" drill and the supper. 1t

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## AN EARLY MORNING FIRE.

The Ferry Building on Depot Street Again Destroyed by Fire—Occupants Had Narrow Escape.

Fire was discovered in the Carey building on Depot street, occupied by George Miller as a saloon, shortly after 12 o'clock, Thursday night. An alarm was sent in from box 26, and all of the companies responded except Outarica and Waskilla, who do not answer to that box.

The fire originated somewhere in the saloon, presumably from the electric light wires.

Chief Higham was at the scene before the alarm had ceased ringing and the building was already in flames from top to bottom. The proprietor, Miller, had his monstache stuck in escaping, and his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James Fuller and bartender Joe Madden, got out in their night clothes, and took refuge in Hawes' laundry, where Chief Higham carried their clothes.

The fire burned very fiercely and before it was extinguished the building was gutted, and can hardly be rebuilt.

Mr. Miller carried \$500 insurance with Mu-bach & Horton on stock and personal property, but he puts the loss at \$1,500.

The building, which is owned by the W. P. Carey estate, was insured for \$800 in the Hanover, with Case & Taylor.

Chief Higham succeeded in saving two watches from Mr. Miller's vest and a government receipt for five cases of whiskey in bond from the third floor, after everybody had left the house.

The firemen again bitterly of the corrugated iron covering put on buildings of this kind. The iron had to be torn off in places before a stream could be put on the blaze in several parts of the building.

Frank Schoonmaker, a member of Excelsior, saw the blaze before the alarm was sent in. He hurried to the truck house, thinking to secure a beat on his company's neighbors, the Eagles, but Driver Hurdburgh heard the "hook" horns running to the harness and quickly had his own team hitched, and was ready to leave before the third round of the alarm was completed, the time which "hook" must wait. Both teams were at the scene of the fire within a minute and a half from the time the first stroke of the bell sounded, and Chief Higham was at the truck house before the companies got out.

During the fire Mr. Miller said that he had lost \$122 in his vest pocket, but the rest was recovered by Chief Higham, and several firemen carried it to the owner, but no money was found.

Chief Higham shut off Phoenix's hose and allowed the Wells Fargo and Co.'s east bound train to pass. The line was then connected on Roberts street.

The firemen were wet and the water froze upon them, and in the fight with the flames several were cut about the hands by broken bottles, several hundred of which were broken.

The family, which was forced to leave the building, was given quarters for the night at Mull's Wallkill House.

VERY SERIOUSLY INJURED.

William Clark Thrown from a Wagon Near Johnson.

William Clark, who lives with his son, John H. Clark, on the Archibald McBride farm, near Westtown, met with a very serious and possibly fatal accident, Thursday morning. He was on his way to the Johnson cond-mery with the milk and as he was turning the corner near DeWitt Thompson's the horses started up suddenly and one of the wagon wheels dropping into a hole, he was thrown out and so badly injured that he was unconscious when picked up and has remained in that condition ever since.

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## OBITUARY.

George Matthews.

George Matthews, Vice President of the New York Knife Company, of Walden, and one of the company's founders, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Philip Haskin, at Orange Farm, Wednesday, at the age of seventy-six. The deceased was born at Sheffield, Eng., and had been a resident of this country for forty-seven years. The funeral will be held at the Reformed Church, Walden, Saturday.

Obituary.

Oscar Dunn, a widely known, highly respected and wealthy citizen of Waukegan township, died suddenly, Thursday evening, at his home about three miles south of Unionville, aged eighty years. Mr. Dunn, despite his age, was a very active man, and had been about as usual during the day looking after his business interests. He went into the house about dark, and soon afterward was seen to fall over in his chair as if faint. He was carried at once into an adjoining room, but before he could be laid on a lounge was dead.

He is survived by his widow and a son, Thomas Jefferson Dunn, who lived with him.

Mr. Dunn had larger holdings of farm lands than any man in this section. He owned in all fifteen in Sussex county, and two in the town of Greenville, this county. He had all his farms worked on shares, a never had an article of agreement with any of his tenants. He settled each month with every man and thus avoided all disputes and all possibility of resulting litigation. His tenants usually remained with him for years and when they left him most of them had money enough to buy farms of their own. His farms were kept in good condition, and had none of that going-to-ruin, which so often characterizes farms that are worked by others than their owners.

He was a member of the Baptist Church, was honorable in all his dealings, and was a lifelong Democrat.

## A HAPPY OCCASION.

Parents' Golden Wedding and Daughter's Wedding Celebrated at the Same Time.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis G. Niver, of Newburgh, celebrated their golden wedding, Wednesday evening, and at the same time their daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Rodman, widow of Capt. Henry Rodman, was married to John F. Tucker, proprietor of the Newburgh Register. The ceremony was performed under conditions similar to those that prevailed fifty years ago, when the bride's parents were wedded, by the light of candles, in old time candelabra and candle-sticks.

Among the guests present was Mrs. Emma Baker, of Bloomingburgh, who was at Mr. and Mrs. Niver's wedding. Only three others who were at the wedding are living. Mrs. Lucinda Mance Wilkinson, Mrs. Niver's bride-maid, now an evangelist in Virginia, and Samuel Penny and James Wright, of Walker Valley.

## BROKE JAIL AND FLED.

A Very Bad Port Jervis Youth Escapes from the Village Lockup.

William Keldr, a fifteen-year-old Port Jervis lad, who was arrested, Wednesday evening, for being drunk and disorderly and insulting women on the streets, pleaded guilty, Thursday morning, and was sentenced to the House of Refuge on Randall's Island.

In the afternoon he escaped from the lockup by prying off with a stove poker the iron door casing into which the bolt of the lock fits and climbing out through the roof into an alley way.

MULLVILLE Drainage Case adjourned.

The Mullville drainage case, which was to have been argued next week, has been postponed until Dec. 21st. It is expected that before that time the Greycourt meadows' drainage case, involving similar questions, will be decided by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court and that decision will define the law applicable to this case.

Church Damaged by Fire.

About \$200 damage was caused in the Methodist Church at Hawley, Wednesday night, by a fire which originated from the decorations catching fire by contact with the flame of a flashlight camera which was being used to take pictures of the superb decorations in the church.

The Congregational Church Fair.

The fair at the First Congregational Church, Thursday night, was largely attended. The programme of the previous night was successfully repeated. The fair closes, to-night, and by special request the "Garland Fantasia" will be repeated.

Private Warman Going a Little Better.

Dr. Douglas reports the condition of Private Magowan, who is ill with typhoid fever, as a little more favorable. He has been able to reduce his morning temperature from 104 to 102 and his evening temperature from 105 to 103.

These Worrying Flies.

One application of Dr. Agnew's Ointment will give you comfort. Applied every night for three to six nights and a cure is effected in the most stubborn cases of blind, bleeding or itching piles. Dr. Agnew's Ointment cures hemorrhoids and all itching and burning skin diseases. Sold by J. E. Miller and McMonagle & Rogers.

## AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Successful Social and Fair—Special Car for Men—The Club's Dinner.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The social and fair at the M. E. Church, last night, was very successful and largely attended.

—A special car, starting at 7:15, will convey the Vocal Society to Middletown, to-night.

—An entertaining programme has been arranged for the smoker of the G. S. A. A. next Monday night.

—The condition of Fred. Huff is critical.

—Miss Alice Neale entertained the Ladies' Whist Club, Thursday afternoon.

—Tickets for the Vocal Society's rendition of "Messiah," and for Miss Jessie Alexander's reading are now on sale at C. E. Millsap's.

—A daughter was born, Thursday, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Little.

—Goshen Lodge, No. 365, F. and A. M., have adopted resolutions of condolence on the death of the late Dudley Murray.

—Mrs. J. W. Gott is visiting at Brooklyn.

—Frank Fancher, of Warwick, has secured apartments at Mrs. Weymer's on East Main street.

## INSTALLED AS PASTOR.

Rev. W. Henry Morton Placed in Charge of the North Street Congregational Church.

Rev. W. Henry Morton was installed as pastor of the North Street Congregational Church, Thursday night.

In the afternoon a council composed of Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., of this city; Warren Hathaway, of Blooming Grove; George S. Hall, of Howells; M. P. Welch, of Brooklyn, and J. W. Norris, of Churchville, with lay delegates C. C. Gerow, of Blooming Grove; S. Mapes, of Howells, and Mr. Clark, of this city, examined Mr. Morton as to his qualifications for the ministry and found him admirably equipped and qualified.

At the installation in the evening the parts were taken as follows: Minutes by scribe; invocation and scripture by Rev. J. W. Norris; sermon by Rev. M. P. Welch, of Brooklyn; installing prayer, Rev. Warren Hathaway; right hand of fellowship, Rev. George S. Hall; charge to pastor, Rev. Dr. W. A. Robinson; charge to people, Rev. J. W. Norris; benediction by Rev. W. Henry Morton. The ladies of the church served refreshments.

## FIRE AT MOUNT HOPE.

The Residence of Mrs. Forbes Entirely Destroyed Early This Morning.







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"Who is he?"

"I don't know."

"But you just spoke of him as a little fellow."

"Well, being a tall girl, she wouldn't marry any but a little fellow, would she?"—Chicago Daily News.

### An Acquired Talent.

"Mr. Mr. Boxer was speakin' about pa's gettin' a medal for the way he fought at Santiago, an' he said pa wasn't a natural born fighter."

"What else did he say?"

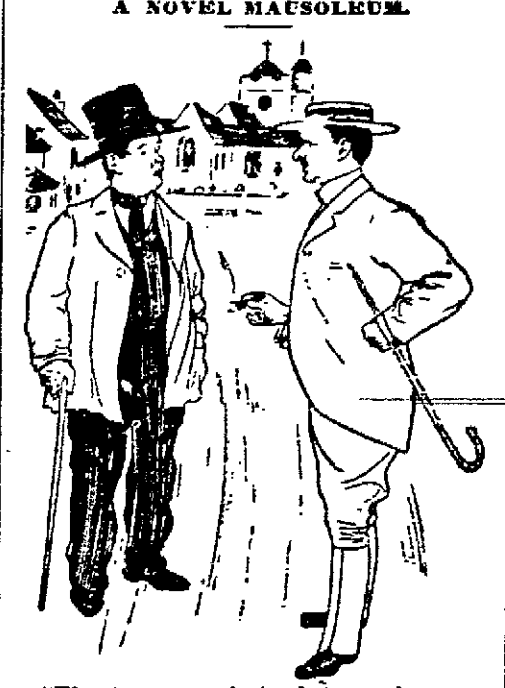
"He said pa acquired it all since he was married."

"Well, you just run right over to Mr Boxer's and tell him I want to see him as quick as he can get here."—Cleveland Leader.

### A Seasonable Suggestion.

Now as the prudent family man For winter makes his preparation, He sees it would be a first-rate plan For folks to have a coal station.

—L. A. W. Bulletin.



"That's a good-sized hat of yours, John."

"Ah! Master George, I bought that hat 12 years ago to bury the missus in!"—St. Paul's.

### Its Drawback.

Thrice lucky he, on Christmas gay, Whose bank account's extensive; We'd be less persi' were the day itself not so ex-pen-sive.

—L. A. W. Bulletin.

### Carefully Considered.

"What," inquired the psychological student, "do you regard as the chief end of man?"

"Well," answered Mr. Blykins, "it depends on what you want the man for. If you want him to do brain work it's his head, and if you want him to run errands it's his feet."—Washington Star.

### Premontory Symptoms.

Gertie—Papa, will our new mamma go mad after awhile?

Father—What a question! Why do you think such a thing?

Gertie—Well, I heard her tell the cook yesterday that she got badly bitten when she married you!—Tit-Bits.

### Far Worse.

Sniggleton—I'm in trouble. My landlady told me I'd have to settle up or leave.

Giggleton—Why, you're in luck, old fellow. I'm in a worse fix than that. My landlady told me I'd have to settle up before I could leave.—Harlem Life.

### Lesser Evil.

Billy—I understand you've bought a dog to keep burglars away.

Freddy—Yes.

Billy—you are not troubled any more at night then, I suppose?

Freddy—Only by the dog—Boston Traveler.

### Surely.

Johnnie—Pa, where does a man get a theory?

Pa—In his head, my son.

Johnnie—Well, doesn't it hurt his head when a theory is exploded?

### Help for the Unemployed.

Miss Million—I have thought of a lovely way to help the poor striking tailors.

Mrs. Billion—What is it, dear?

Miss Million—I am going to make all my own gowns.—Town Topics.

### A Model Lover.

Ethel—Are you sure that all his thoughts are of you?

Edith—Oh, yes! Why, he has just lost his position on account of inattention to business!—Puck.

### Feminine Irony.

Gerald—What would you say if I were to kiss you?

Geraldine—I don't know; but I can prepare a speech if you think it worth while to wait.—Town Topics.

### Their Identity.

Jack—I saw a couple very close together last night and kissed them both.

Tom—What! Did you know them?

Jack—Well, er—yes, slightly. They were Molly's lips.—N. Y. World.

### Among Old Chums.

Mrs. Newed—Was I nervous, dear, during the ceremony?

Her Friend—Well, a trifle at first, darling, but not after William had said "yes."—Tit-Bits.

### An Expert Diagnosis.

Customer—I think there's a hair tangled in the wheels.

Woman Watchmaker (examining portrait in the case)—Yes; I'm sure it should be blond.—Jewelers' Weekly.

### Truthfully Speaking.

Miss Young—What did you say when Charley Jackson threatened to kiss every girl in the room?

Miss Olds—I said I would just like to see him try it!—N. Y. Journal.

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